

CITY OF COLFAX, IOWA

Independent Auditors' Reports
Basic Financial Statements and
Supplemental Information
and Findings

June 30, 2008

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City of Colfax, Iowa
Officials

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David Mast	Mayor	January, 2012
Curtis Small	Council Member	January, 2012
Bob Brown	Council Member	January, 2010
Bryan Poulter	Council Member	January, 2012
Steve Theis	Council Member	January, 2012
Kathryn Gullion	Council Member	January, 2010
Kathy Mathews	City Clerk	Indefinite
Larry Opfer	Treasurer	Indefinite
Ken Walker	City Attorney	Indefinite

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Colfax

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Colfax, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards and provisions require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Colfax as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also included our reports on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. The purpose of those reports is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. Those reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison information are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We applied limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Colfax's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statement for the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 (none of which are presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

March 14, 2009

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CITY OF COLFAX MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The City of Colfax provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the City's financial statements and the accompanying notes, which follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The City's receipts totaled \$2,380,268 for the year ended June 30, 2008, a 6% increase from 2007.
- Disbursements for the year totaled \$2,478,632 which is a 24% increase from 2007.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the City's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Statement of Activities and Net Assets. This statement provides information about the activities of the city as a whole and presents an overall view of the City's finances.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the City's budget for the year.

Basis of Accounting

The City maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances is "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Activities and New Assets reports information which helps answer this question.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets are divided into two finds of activities:

- Governmental Activities include public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, and debt service. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- Business Type Activities include the waterworks, sanitary sewer system, and garbage/landfill. These activities are financed primarily by user charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The City has two kinds of funds:

- 1) Government funds account for most of the City's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds, and the balances at year-end that are available for spending. The major governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds such as Road Use Tax, Local Option Sales Tax, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund; 3) the Debt Service Fund. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed, short term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. Transfers In and Out are used to accumulate resources and allocate those resources internally among the City's various funds.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

- 2) Proprietary funds are used to report business type activities. The City maintains three funds to provide separate information for the water, sewer, and garbage/landfill funds considering these to be major funds.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The City's cash balance for governmental activities decreased from a year ago, decreasing \$98,364 year ended June 30, 2008.

The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances for governmental activities.

Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of Governmental Activities		
	Year ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for service	953,422	964,837
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest	399,870	215,800
Bond proceeds	86,648	148,102
General receipts:		
Property tax	627,494	601,313
Other general receipts	83,577	95,152
Hotel/motel and local option taxes	229,257	213,583
Total receipts	2,380,268	2,238,787
Disbursements:		
Water	327,658	323,764
Sewer	409,423	346,483
Landfill	139,501	125,507
Total business type disbursements	876,582	795,754
Public safety disbursements	408,237	384,234
Public works disbursements	503,078	246,762
Culture and recreation	186,962	174,050
Community and economic development	83,565	3,001
General government	177,694	200,153
Debt service	242,514	188,570
Total governmental activities	1,602,050	1,196,770
Total	2,478,632	1,992,524
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	1,710,882	1,464,619
Cash basis net assets end of year	1,612,518	1,710,882

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR GOVERNMENT FUND ANALYSIS

The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of certain major funds from the prior year.

- The General Fund has a deficit balance of \$<250,623>. This deficit balance is a increase from last year's deficit. The City will continue to cut spending when possible.
- Employee Benefit Fund had a balance of 46,962. Property tax receipts exceeded benefit payment.
- The Debt Service Fund cash balance has a deficit of \$<33,497> after disbursements for the year. The City will need to increase the debt service levy in an upcoming budget.
- The Road Use tax fund has a deficit balance of \$<68,216> which was created because of project expenditures which were made ahead of receipts. The receipt of future revenues will be used to offset the deficit.
- Local Option Sales Tax and Hotel/Motel Tax has balances of \$245,091 and \$71,216 respectively.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUND ANALYSIS

- The Water Fund cash balance decreased \$23,273.
- The Sewer Fund cash balance decreased \$71,231.
- The Garbage/Landfill cash balance increased \$1,528.
- A Transfer was made to the debt service fund for the water fund share of general obligation bond payments.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2008, the City had \$2,342,957 in bonds and other long-term debt, compared to \$2,573,109 last year, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End		
	June 30,	
	2008	2007
General obligation bonds	725,007	843,159
Revenue notes	<u>1,617,950</u>	<u>1,729,950</u>
Total	2,342,957	2,573,109

The City's outstanding general obligation debt of \$725,007 is below its constitutional debt limit of \$3.5 million.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

City of Colfax's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2008 budget, tax rates, and fees that will be charged for various City activities. One of those factors is the economy.

Inflation in the State continues to be somewhat lower than the national Consumer Price Index increase. The State's CPI increase was 3.2 percent for fiscal year 2008 compared with the national rate of 3.4 percent. Inflation has been modest here due in part to the slow residential housing market and modest increases in energy prices in 2008.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009. Amounts available for appropriation in the operating budget are \$2.5 million. Budgeted disbursements are expected to remain fairly similar. The City has added no major new programs or initiatives to the 2009 budget.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Kathy L. Mathews, City Clerk, 15 E Howard, Colfax, Iowa.

City of Colfax, Iowa
Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash Basis
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2008

Functions/Programs	Program Receipts			
	Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants, Contributions, and Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest
Governmental Activities				
Public safety	\$ 408,237	\$ 115,312	\$ -	\$ -
Public works	503,078	-	399,870	-
Culture and recreation	186,962	19,715	-	-
Community and economic development	83,565	-	-	-
General government	177,694	22,123	-	-
Debt service	242,514	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	1,602,050	157,150	399,870	-
Business Type Activities				
Water	357,464	317,051	-	-
Sewer	409,423	338,192	-	-
Sanitation	139,501	141,029	-	-
Total business type activities	906,388	796,272	-	-
Total	\$ 2,508,438	\$ 953,422	\$ 399,870	\$ -

General Receipts

Property tax levied for
 General purposes
 Tax increment financing
 Debt service
Local option sales tax
Hotel/motel tax
Unrestricted interest on investments
Bond Proceeds
Repayment of TIF debt
Miscellaneous
Total general receipts

Change in cash basis net assets

Cash basis net assets beginning of year

Cash basis net assets end of year

Cash basis net assets

 Restricted (Deficit)

 Capital improvements

 Streets

 Debt service

 Other purposes

 Unrestricted (deficit)

 Total cash basis net assets

There were no reconciling items between the Governmental and Proprietary Fund Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances and the above statement. See notes to financial statements.

Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets			
Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total	
\$ (292,925)	\$ -	\$ (292,925)	
(103,208)	-	(103,208)	
(167,247)	-	(167,247)	
(83,565)	-	(83,565)	
(155,571)	-	(155,571)	
(242,514)	-	(242,514)	
(1,045,030)	-	(1,045,030)	
-	(40,413)	(40,413)	
-	(71,231)	(71,231)	
-	1,528	1,528	
-	(110,116)	(110,116)	
\$ (1,045,030)	\$ (110,116)	\$ (1,155,146)	
443,798	-	443,798	
17,140	-	17,140	
183,516	-	183,516	
169,247	-	169,247	
60,010	-	60,010	
22,702	-	22,702	
86,648	-	86,648	
(17,140)	17,140	-	
73,721	-	73,721	
1,039,642	17,140	1,056,782	
(5,388)	(92,976)	(98,364)	
81,981	1,628,901	1,710,882	
\$ 76,593	\$ 1,535,925	\$ 1,612,518	
\$ -	\$ 687,151	\$ 687,151	
\$ (68,216)	\$ -	\$ (68,216)	
(33,497)	1,086	(32,411)	
428,929	-	428,929	
(250,623)	847,688	597,065	
\$ 76,593	\$ 1,535,925	\$ 1,612,518	

City of Colfax, Iowa
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances
Governmental Funds
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2008

	Special Revenue			
	General	Road Use Tax	Local Option Sales Tax	Hotel/Motel Tax
Receipts				
Property Taxes	\$ 274,293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Increment Financing Collections	-	-	-	-
Other City Tax	-	-	169,247	60,010
Licenses and Permits	12,363	-	-	-
Use of Money and Property	15,744	45	3,193	1,389
Intergovernmental	19,565	399,070	-	-
Charges for Services	144,787	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	24,650	-	-	-
Total Receipts	491,402	399,115	172,440	61,399
Disbursements				
Operating				
Public Safety	347,673	-	-	-
Public Works	-	498,506	-	-
Culture and Recreation	169,960	-	-	-
Community and Economic Development	3,001	-	67,739	12,825
General Government	151,051	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	49,750	-	-
Total Disbursements	671,685	548,256	67,739	12,825
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	(180,283)	(149,141)	104,701	48,574
Other financing sources (uses)				
Bond proceeds	-	86,648	-	-
Repayment of TIF Debt	-	-	-	-
Inter-fund loan	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Operating transfers in	117,005	22,135	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	(45)	(106,759)	(30,005)
Total other financing sources (uses)	117,005	118,738	(116,759)	(30,005)
Net change in cash balances	(63,278)	(30,403)	(12,058)	18,569
Cash balance (deficit) - beginning of year	(187,345)	(37,813)	257,149	52,647
Cash balance (deficit) - end of year	\$ (250,623)	\$ (68,216)	\$ 245,091	\$ 71,216
Cash basis fund balances (deficit)				
Unreserved				
Debt service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General fund	(250,623)	-	-	-
Special revenue funds	-	(68,216)	245,091	71,216
Permanent fund	-	-	-	-
Total cash basis fund balances (deficit)	\$ (250,623)	\$ (68,216)	\$ 245,091	\$ 71,216

Special Revenue

		Other Nonmajor Governmental		
Employee Benefits	Debt Service	Funds	Total	
\$ 169,685	\$ 183,516	\$ -	\$ 627,494	
-	-	17,140	17,140	
-	-	-	229,257	
-	-	-	12,363	
-	-	2,331	22,702	
-	-	-	418,635	
-	-	-	144,787	
-	-	320	24,970	
169,685	183,516	19,791	1,497,348	
60,564	-	-	408,237	
4,572	-	-	503,078	
17,002	-	-	186,962	
-	-	-	83,565	
26,643	-	-	177,694	
-	192,764	-	242,514	
108,781	192,764	-	1,602,050	
60,904	(9,248)	19,791	(104,702)	
-	-	-	86,648	
-	-	(17,140)	(17,140)	
-	29,806	-	168,946	
-	-	(2,331)	(139,140)	
-	29,806	(19,471)	99,314	
60,904	20,558	320	(5,388)	
(13,942)	(54,055)	65,340	81,981	
\$ 46,962	\$ (33,497)	\$ 65,660	\$ 76,593	
\$ -	\$ (33,497)	\$ -	\$ (33,497)	
-	-	-	(250,623)	
46,962	-	-	295,053	
-	-	65,660	65,660	
\$ 46,962	\$ (33,497)	\$ 65,660	\$ 76,593	

City of Colfax, Iowa
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances
Proprietary Funds
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2008

	Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Total
Operating receipts				
Use of money and property	\$ 20,333	\$ 816	\$ 366	\$ 21,515
Charges for service	296,718	337,376	140,663	774,757
Total operating receipts	317,051	338,192	141,029	796,272
Operating disbursements				
Business type activities	327,658	241,222	139,501	708,381
Excess (Deficiency) of operating receipts over operating disbursements	(10,607)	96,970	1,528	87,891
Non-operating receipts (disbursements)				
Repayment of TIF debt	17,140	-	-	17,140
Operating transfers-out	(29,806)	-	-	(29,806)
Debt service	-	(168,201)	-	(168,201)
Total non-operating receipts (disbursements)	(12,666)	(168,201)	-	(180,867)
Net change in cash balances	(23,273)	(71,231)	1,528	(92,976)
Cash balances - beginning of year	1,103,899	419,382	105,620	1,628,901
Cash balances - end of year	\$ 1,080,626	\$ 348,151	\$ 107,148	\$ 1,535,925
Cash basis fund balances				
Reserved for debt service	\$	\$ 1,086	\$ -	\$ 1,086
Reserved for capital improvements	\$ 687,151			\$ 687,151
Unreserved	393,475	\$ 347,065	107,148	\$ 847,688
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 1,080,626	\$ 348,151	\$ 107,148	\$ 1,535,925

City of Colfax, Iowa
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances
Fiduciary Funds
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Library Memorials</u>	<u>Tenant Memorial</u>	<u>Stage Project</u>
Receipts			
Donations	\$ 26,640	\$ -	\$ -
Investment earnings - interest	651	2,201	-
Total receipts	<u>27,291</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	<u>27,291</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash balance - beginning of year	16,542	56,982	1,440
Cash balance - end of year	<u><u>\$ 43,833</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,440</u></u>

CITY OF COLFAX, IOWA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2008

1/ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Colfax is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Jasper County. It was first incorporated in 1866 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a nonpartisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens including public safety, public works, culture, recreation, public improvements, and general administrative services.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing board and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the City. The City has no component units that meet the criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City also participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards, commissions and 28E agreement: Jasper County Assessor's Conference Board, Selective Enforcement Response Team and Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities, City- County Planning Board, and Central Iowa Committee and a 28 E agreement for police, fire and emergency response with the City of Mitchellville.

The City also participates in the Jasper County Animal Rescue League and Humane Society with other municipalities in an organization under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa and paid fees to the organization \$3,542 during the fiscal year.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's nonfiduciary net assets. Net assets are reported in two categories:

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets demonstrates the degree to which direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax receipts and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Road Use Tax Fund is used to account for road construction and maintenance.

The Local Option Sales Tax is used to account for the City's sales tax receipts and the disbursements financed by such.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund is used to account for the City's hotel/motel tax receipts and the disbursements financed by such.

The Employee Benefits Fund is used to account for the tax levy and the disbursement for the benefits.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the City's general long-term debt.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Water Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's waste water treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Sanitation Fund accounts for the operation of the City's solid waste disposal system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City of Colfax maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in Community and Economic Development and Debt Service functions.

2/ Cash and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits at June 30, 2008 were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance, or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

Interest Rate Risk – The City's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the City.

3/ Notes Payable

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation notes, and the sewer revenue notes is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Notes		Sewer Revenue Notes		Total Annual Debt Retirement	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	125,559	32,374	105,240	52,209	230,799	84,583
2010	168,401	26,394	109,335	48,492	277,736	74,886
2011	168,605	18,873	112,498	44,616	281,103	63,489
2012	154,672	11,346	116,736	40,607	271,408	51,953
2013	62,554	4,516	121,052	36,431	183,606	40,947
2014	23,080	2,085	117,089	32,083	140,169	34,168
2015	11,136	1,029	105,000	28,080	116,136	29,109
2016	11,000	512	108,000	24,930	119,000	25,442
2017			112,000	21,690	112,000	21,690
2018			115,000	18,330	115,000	18,330
2019			118,000	14,880	118,000	14,880
2020			122,000	11,340	122,000	11,340
2021			126,000	7,680	126,000	7,680
2022			130,000	3,900	130,000	3,900
Totals	<u>\$ 725,007</u>	<u>\$ 97,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,617,950</u>	<u>\$ 385,268</u>	<u>\$ 2,342,957</u>	<u>\$ 482,397</u>

The City has pledged future sewer receipts, net of specified operating disbursements, to repay \$ 2,230,000 in sewer revenue bond and notes issued in May 2001 and March 2003, respectively. Proceeds were used to provide financing for the construction of improvements to the sewer plant. The obligations are payable solely from sewer customer net receipts and are payable through 2022. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the obligations is \$ 2,003,218. For the current year, principal and interest paid was \$ 168,201 and total customer net receipts were \$96,970.

The resolutions providing for the issuance of the note and bond include the following provisions:

- The notes or bonds will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the sewer activity and the holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the sewer fund.
- Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to a separate revenue bond sinking account for the purpose of making the next principal and interest payments.
- The City shall establish, impose, adjust and provide for the sewer rates to produce gross revenues at least sufficient to leave a balance, after specified operating disbursements, equal to 110% of the principal and interest due in any fiscal year.

During the year, the City has not established sufficient amount for the sinking fund and did not increase rates as required by the above resolution.

4/ Tax Increment Financing

In 1988, 1991, and 1999, the City established three urban renewal districts and made agreements with the county and school, in accordance with Chapter 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, to divide the increase in taxes, as a result of the incremental property tax valuation in those districts.

The taxes so collected are paid into the City's Special Revenue Fund and are to be expended for project costs or debt service associated with the projects affecting the districts. In prior years, the taxes received were not sufficient to pay the debt service. Consequently, the water fund advanced \$77,269 toward debt service. In accordance with the Iowa Code, these advances may now be repaid from the tax increment revenues since the 1999 general obligation refunding note has been retired. During the year, \$17,140 was repaid on this intrafund debt. At June 30, 2008, the balance due is \$26,589.

In July 2001, the City and Jasper County entered into a 28E agreement to develop the Colfax I-80 Interchange Urban Renewal Project area. The City extended its water and sanitary sewer service to the area. By June 30, 2008, the County had loaned the City \$1,197,501 for the extension costs and \$80,175 to reimburse engineering costs. The County shall collect and retain all tax increment revenues collected from the taxable properties located in the area. If upon maturity of the loan, the revenue collected is not sufficient to fully reimburse the County for all the principal and interest paid by the County, on its loan for this specific purpose, the City will be obligated to repay the unpaid balance plus interest at the rate then being paid by the County on its loan. Since the repayment is contingent on future taxes paid in the Urban Renewal Project area, the amounts of the payments are not readily determinable.

5/ Pension and Retirement Benefits

IPERS

The City contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117.

Most regular plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 5.75% of covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the City contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$32,880, \$30,980, and \$31,910, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

6/ Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement, or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until used or paid. The liability is computed based on the rate of pay as of June 30, 2008. The City's approximate liability for earned vacation and sick leave termination payments payable to employees at June 30, 2008, primarily relating to the General Fund, was \$33,000.

7/ Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care

The City has entered into an agreement with several other municipalities, as allowed under Code of Iowa Section 28E, to provide for economical and environmentally responsible disposal of solid waste and establish permanent environmental responsibility for the Newton Sanitary Landfill. State and federal laws and regulations require the Newton Sanitary Landfill to place a final cover on the site and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid near or after the date that the landfill no longer accepts waste, the Landfill has estimated the total liability for such to be \$ 4,100,000. This amount is based on 2008 cost estimates. The closure is expected to be in 2011. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, technology changes, and changes in regulations.

As specified in the 28E agreement, the City is responsible for 4.86% or approximately \$ 200,000 of the total landfill closure and postclosure costs. The City's proportionate share is updated annually in accordance with the agreement.

8/ Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Local Option Sales Tax	General	\$ 84,624
Motel/ Hotel Tax	General	22,135
Local Option Sales Tax	Road Use	30,005
Road Use	General	45
Perpetual Care	General	2,331
Water	Debt Service	29,806
Total		\$168,946

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to disburse the resources.

9/ Related Party Transactions

The City had business transactions between the City and City officials totaling \$2,499 during the year ended June 30, 2008.

10/ Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

11/ Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts and disclosure of liabilities, contingent liabilities and commitments at the date of the financial statements, and the classification of receipts and disbursements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from the estimates that were used.

12/ Deficit Fund Balances

At June 30, 2008 the General and Debt Service Funds had deficit balances of \$250,623 and \$68,216, respectively. The deficit in the General Fund will be reduced by transfers from the Proprietary Fund operating accounts to the extent possible. The deficit in the Debt Service Fund will be reduced by increasing property tax levies in subsequent years. The Road Use Tax deficit balance of \$ 68,216 will be reduced by future receipts.

13/ Economic Development Loan

With funds from the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the City loaned \$150,000 to a local manufacturing company which employs 40 people. The loan is forgivable to the extent of \$75,000 and repayment is expected on the \$75,000 balance. Principal payment are to be received over 5 years and there is no interest due. Any repayment is to be used by the City for similar projects.

City of Colfax, Iowa
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Balances
 Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) - All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds
 Required Supplementary Information
 Year ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Funds Actual	Proprietary Funds Actual
Receipts		
Property Taxes	\$ 627,494	\$ -
Tax increment financing collections	17,140	-
Other city tax	229,257	-
Licenses and permits	12,363	-
Use of money and property	22,702	21,515
Intergovernmental	418,635	-
Charges for Service	144,787	774,757
Special assessments	-	-
Miscellaneous	24,970	-
Total Receipts	<u>1,497,348</u>	<u>796,272</u>
Disbursements		
Public safety	408,237	-
Public works	503,078	-
Health and social services	-	-
Culture and recreation	186,962	-
Community and economic development	83,565	-
General government	177,694	-
Debt service	242,514	168,201
Business type activities	-	708,381
Total Disbursements	<u>1,602,050</u>	<u>876,582</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>(104,702)</u>	<u>(80,310)</u>
Other financing (uses) net	<u>99,314</u>	<u>(12,666)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements and other financing uses	<u>(5,388)</u>	<u>(92,976)</u>
Balance (deficit) - beginning of year	81,981	1,628,901
Balance (deficit) - end of year	<u>\$ 76,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,535,925</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Budgeted Amounts			
Net	Original	Final	Final to Net Variance
\$ 627,494	\$ 613,980	\$ 613,980	\$ 13,514
17,140	17,136	17,136	4
229,257	317,108	317,108	(87,851)
12,363	22,000	22,000	(9,637)
44,217	10,000	10,000	34,217
418,635	187,621	187,621	231,014
919,544	819,400	819,400	100,144
-	7,500	7,500	(7,500)
24,970	40,000	44,500	(19,530)
2,293,620	2,034,745	2,039,245	254,375
408,237	381,683	415,877	7,640
503,078	216,235	606,062	102,984
-	5,500	5,500	5,500
186,962	188,763	210,855	23,893
83,565	5,600	5,600	(77,965)
177,694	207,464	207,464	29,770
410,715	183,675	183,675	(227,040)
708,381	653,645	753,645	45,264
2,478,632	1,842,565	2,388,678	(89,954)
(185,012)	192,180	(349,433)	164,421
86,648	-	-	86,648
(98,364)	192,180	(349,433)	251,069
1,710,882	6,088,520	1,785,846	(74,964)
\$ 1,612,518	\$ 6,280,700	\$ 1,436,413	\$ 176,105

City of Colfax, Iowa
Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting
June 30, 2008

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds except Fiduciary Funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon ten major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund or fund type. These ten functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects, business type activities and non-program. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds and Proprietary Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, budget amendments increased budgeted disbursements by \$546,113. The budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Community and Economic Development and Debt Service functions.

City of Colfax, Iowa
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2008

	Special Revenue	Permanent	
	Urban Renewal	Cemetery	
	Tax Increment	Perpetual Care	Total
Receipts			
Property tax - tax increment financing	\$ 17,140	\$ -	\$ 17,140
Use of money and property	-	2,331	2,331
Miscellaneous	-	320	320
Total Receipts	<u>17,140</u>	<u>2,651</u>	<u>19,791</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	17,140	2,651	19,791
Other financing uses			
Repayment of TIF Debt	(17,140)	-	(17,140)
Operating transfers out	-	(2,331)	(2,331)
Total other financing uses	<u>(17,140)</u>	<u>(2,331)</u>	<u>(19,471)</u>
Net change in cash balances	-	320	320
Cash balance - beginning of year	-	65,340	65,340
Cash balance - end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,660</u>	<u>\$ 65,660</u>
Cash basis fund balances			
Unreserved			
Permanent fund	\$ -	\$ 65,660	\$ 65,660
Total cash basis fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,660</u>	<u>\$ 65,660</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

City of Colfax, Iowa
Schedule of Indebtedness
For the year ended June 30, 2008

	Date of Issue	Interest Rates	Amount Originally Issued
Obligation			
General Obligation Notes			
Fire Station and Park Project	March 2, 1998	5.00%	\$ 400,000
City Hall Note	April 1, 2002	5.00%	35,000
South Sewer	April 14, 2003	3.50%	400,000
Corporate Purpose Note	August 15, 2001	5.00%	150,000
Municipal Swimming Pool Repairs and City Park Improvements, Ball Fields and Tennis Courts			
Lake Street Sewer	October 1, 2004	4.50%	100,000
Federal Street Improvements	May 14, 2007	4.50%	150,000
Federal Street Improvements	February 15, 2008	4.50%	75,000
Water and Sewer Improvements	October 24, 2006	4.65%	110,000
Corporate Purpose Note			
Sewer Equipment and Streetsweeper	September 15, 2005	4.50%	232,500
Totals			
Revenue Notes			
Sewer Revenue Bonds	March 15, 2003	3.00%	\$ 1,984,000
Sewer Revenue Note	May 8, 2001	6.25%	250,000
Totals			

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Beginning of Year	Issued During Year	Redeemed During Year	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid	Interest Due and Unpaid
\$ 145,544	\$ -	\$ 13,800	\$ 131,744	\$ 7,398	\$ -
17,500	-	3,500	14,000	877	-
200,000	-	40,000	160,000	7,117	-
71,097	-	20,000	51,097	3,359	-
78,166	-	13,000	65,166	3,427	-
38,102	11,648	49,750	-	731	-
	75,000	15,000	60,000	965	-
99,000	-	11,000	88,000	4,680	-
193,750	-	38,750	155,000	9,160	-
<u>\$ 843,159</u>	<u>\$ 86,648</u>	<u>\$ 204,800</u>	<u>\$ 725,007</u>	<u>\$ 37,714</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,591,000	\$ -	\$ 86,000	\$ 1,505,000	\$ 47,730	\$ -
138,950	-	26,000	112,950	8,471	-
<u>\$ 1,729,950</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 112,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,617,950</u>	<u>\$ 56,201</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

City of Colfax, Iowa
Bond and Note Maturities
For the year ended June 30, 2008

Year Ending June 30,	Fire Station and Park		City Hall		South Sewer	
	Issued March 2, 1998		Issued April 1, 2002		Issued April 14, 2003	
	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount
2009	5.00	30,569	5.00	3,500	3.50	-
2010	5.00	32,097	5.00	3,500	3.50	40,000
2011	5.00	33,702	5.00	3,500	3.50	40,000
2012	5.00	35,376	5.00	3,500	3.50	40,000
2013					3.50	40,000
2014						
2015						
2016						
Totals		<u>\$ 131,744</u>		<u>\$ 14,000</u>		<u>\$ 160,000</u>

<u>Sewer and Streetsweeper</u>			<u>Federal Street Improvements</u>		Total General Obligations
<u>Issued September 15, 2005</u>			<u>Issued February 15, 2008</u>		
Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	
2009	4.65	38,750	4.50	15,000	125,559
2010	4.65	38,750	4.50	15,000	168,401
2011	4.65	38,750	4.50	15,000	168,605
2012	4.65	38,750	4.50	15,000	154,672
2013					62,554
2014					23,080
2015					11,136
2016					11,000
Totals		<u>\$ 155,000</u>		<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 725,007</u>

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Pool and Park		Lake Street Sewer		Water and Sewer Improvements	
Issued August 15, 2001		Issued October 1, 2004		Issued October 24, 2006	
Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount
5.00	17,070	4.50	9,670	4.65	11,000
5.00	17,944	4.50	10,110	4.65	11,000
5.00	16,083	4.50	10,570	4.65	11,000
		4.50	11,046	4.65	11,000
		4.50	11,554	4.65	11,000
		4.50	12,080	4.65	11,000
		4.50	136	4.65	11,000
				4.65	11,000
	<u>\$ 51,097</u>		<u>\$ 65,166</u>		<u>\$ 88,000</u>

Sewer Revenue Note			Sewer Revenue Bonds		
Issued May 8, 2000			Issued March 15, 2003		
Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Interest Rates (%)	Amount	Total Sewer Notes & Bonds
2009	6.25	17,240	3.00	88,000	105,240
2010	6.25	18,335	3.00	91,000	109,335
2011	6.25	19,498	3.00	93,000	112,498
2012	6.25	20,736	3.00	96,000	116,736
2013	6.25	22,052	3.00	99,000	121,052
2014	6.25	15,089	3.00	102,000	117,089
2015			3.00	105,000	105,000
2016			3.00	108,000	108,000
2017			3.00	112,000	112,000
2018			3.00	115,000	115,000
2019			3.00	118,000	118,000
2020			3.00	122,000	122,000
2021			3.00	126,000	126,000
2022			3.00	130,000	130,000
Totals		<u>\$ 112,950</u>		<u>\$ 1,505,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,617,950</u>

City of Colfax, Iowa
Schedule of Receipts by Source and Disbursements by Function
All Government Funds
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005
Receipts				
Property taxes	\$ 627,494	\$ 583,887	\$ 529,100	\$ 557,068
Tax increment financing collections	17,140	17,426	16,114	17,510
Other city tax	229,257	213,583	338,289	181,448
Licenses and permits	12,363	22,075	19,277	15,622
Use of money and property	22,702	22,415	14,512	5,579
Intergovernmental	418,635	256,279	207,885	196,590
Charges for service	144,787	108,484	140,273	197,131
Miscellaneous	24,970	73,784	93,437	119,495
Total	<u>\$ 1,497,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,933</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,290,443</u>
Disbursements				
Operating				
Public safety	\$ 408,237	\$ 384,234	\$ 376,397	\$ 512,601
Public works	503,078	246,762	326,697	284,064
Health and social services	-	-	-	6,182
Culture and recreation	186,962	174,050	180,711	167,381
Community and economic development	83,565	3,001	3,000	3,001
General government	177,694	200,153	272,783	284,583
Debt service	242,514	188,570	172,458	122,653
Total	<u>\$ 1,602,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,770</u>	<u>\$ 1,332,046</u>	<u>\$ 1,380,465</u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Colfax, Iowa as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon as dated below. Our report expressed unqualified opinions on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Colfax's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we considered to be a significant deficiency and we considered to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned function, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the City's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control. We consider the deficiency in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be

significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiency described above, we believe item I-A-08 is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Colfax's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

The City of Colfax's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusion on the City's responses, we did not audit the City's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a matter of public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Colfax and other parties to whom the City of Colfax may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 14, 2009

Pollard and Company P.C.

CITY OF COLFAX, IOWA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

I-A-08 Segregation of Duties

One important aspect of internal accounting control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. We noted that generally one person has control over each of the following areas:

- (1) Cash receipts, journalizing and posting.
- (2) Disbursements, check writing, signing, mailing
journalizing and posting.
- (3) Payroll preparation and distribution.

Recommendation

We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. The City should continue to review its operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response

In February 2008, we involved the mayor, council, deputy city clerk, and department heads to produce more segregation of duties of the above functions. We will continue to review the internal control procedures and continue to segregate duties to the extent possible.

Conclusion

Response accepted.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting

II-A-08 Certified Budget

Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2008 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Community and Economic Development and Debt Service functions. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states in part that public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation. In addition the beginning balance in the second budget amendment budget were reported as \$6,088,520 rather than the \$1,710,882 actual balance.

Recommendation

The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget and to correct the beginning balances.

Response

The budget will be amended in the future, as applicable. A third budget amendment was made and published in February, 2009 and considered the final amended budget.

Conclusion

Response accepted.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting (continued)

II-B-08 Questionable Disbursements

We noted no disbursements for parties, banquets or other entertainment expenses that do not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.

II-C-08 Travel Expense

We noted no disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees during the year.

II-D-08 Business Transactions

Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees are as follows:

<u>Name, Title and Business Connection</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bryan Poulter, Council Member, Swimming Pool Manager	Swimming Pool Manager Wages	\$2,499
Kent Deal, Council Member	Computer Repairs	\$79

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(10) of the Code of Iowa, these transactions do not appear to be a conflict of interest, since the duties of the function are not incompatible with duties as Council Members.

II-E-08 Bond Coverage

Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.

II-F-08 Council Minutes

No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Council minutes but were not.

II-G-08 Deposits and Investments

We noted no instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa.

II-H-08 Revenue Bonds and Notes

As noted in Note 3, the City was not in compliance with the revenue bonds resolution on two matters.

Recommendation

The City should set aside, monthly in a sewer sinking fund, 1/6th of the next interest payment and 1/12th of the next principal payment for the sewer bonds.

Response

The monthly amounts will be set aside.

Conclusion

Response accepted.

Recommendation

The City should review its sewer rates to comply with the resolution to maintain sufficient rates to service the revenue bonds and note.

Response

In March 2009, the City Council passed the first reading of an increase in utility rates which when fully implemented should provide for sufficient revenue.

Conclusion

Response accepted.

II-I-08

Financial Condition

The General, Road Use Tax, and Debt Service Funds had deficit balances at June 30, 2008 of \$250,623, \$68,216, and \$33,497, respectively.

Recommendation

The City should investigate alternatives to eliminate these deficits in order to return these funds to a sound financial position.

Response

Note 12 of the financial statements describes the City's plans to eliminate the deficits.

Conclusion

Response accepted.